Assistance for marriage of Scheduled Caste girls

*380. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to provide financial assistance for the marriage of girl child belonging to Scheduled Caste; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MEIRA KUMAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

WRITTEN ANSWER TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Upgradation of Meteorological Centre at Imphal

2724. SHRI RISHANG KEISHING: Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the meteorological office at Imphal has remained without any up-gradation since its inception;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have a policy to upgrade the meteorological centre; and

(d) if so, the manner in which the Government would undertake the work?

THE MINISTER OF EARTH SCIENCES (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) It was established on 19.12.1952 as a class IIa (two observations daily) surface meteorological observatory. It was upgraded to a class I (Eight observations daily) observatory on 15.04.1961. It was further upgraded to a Pilot Balloon Observatory on 29.3.1973 for taking upper-air winds four times a day. Presently, it is the third largest Meteorological Office after Guwahati and Dibrugarh under Regional Meteorological Centre, Guwahati in the North East India.